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IN RE: U.S.S.N. 09/397,110)
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TITLE: PROCESS AND MATERIALS FOR)
THE RAPID DETECTION OF)
STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE)
EMPLOYING PURIFIED)
ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC)
ANTIBODIES)
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The claims in this application are Claims 1-9, which are withdrawn from further consideration herein and will be separated out and made the subject of one or more divisional applications, Claims 33-40 and 42, the allowance of which is noted with appreciation, and 43-54.